

CLAIM AMENDMENTS:

Claims 1-2 (Canceled).

Claim 3 (New): An agricultural and gardening fertilizer applicator, comprising:

a container that is adapted to be filled with a granular or a powder fertilizer, the container having sloping surfaces at a bottom thereof, that converge into an output opening, and having an output port that is in communication with the output opening;

a drive mechanism that is adapted to exert a rotational force;

a pliant delivery hose having a first end coupled to the output port;

a pipe having a input end coupled to a second end of said pliant delivery hose;

a scoop tip disposed at an output end of the said pipe;

a flexible auger disposed within said pliant deliver hose, and extending from a position under the output opening of said container so as to be disposed to receive the fertilizer from the container via the output opening, to the second end of said pliant delivery hose, and being coupled to said drive mechanism so as to be rotatable when said drive mechanism exerts the rotational force, wherein when said flexible auger is rotated, the auger pushes the received fertilizer through the output port, through the pliant delivery hose, through the pipe, and through the scoop tip, respectively; and

a manual switch for starting and stopping said drive mechanism; wherein when said switch is pressed, said drive mechanism is activated to rotate said flexible auger, conveying the fertilizer from said container, and forcing the conveyed fertilizer from the scoop tip.

Claim 4 (New): The fertilizer applicator recited in claim 3, further comprising a controller connected to said drive mechanism, said controller being configured to have three switchable operating modes: power off, intermittent on, and continuous on, wherein when said operating mode is set to intermittent on, the fertilizer is forced from the scoop tip in a fluctuating manner, and wherein when said operating mode is set to continuous on, the fertilizer is continuously forced from the scoop tip.

Claim 5 (New): The fertilizer applicator recited in claim 3, wherein said pliant delivery hose and said flexible auger allow said scoop tip to be repositioned relative to said container.